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10 November 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:



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Director, Office of External Affairs

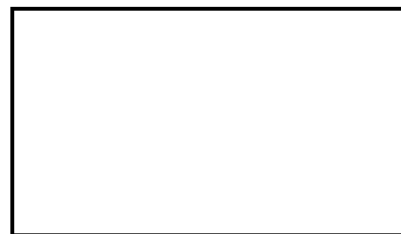
SUBJECT: Invitation to Lunch With WASHINGTON TIMES Editorial Board

1. Action Requested: Accept invitation of WASHINGTON TIMES Editor and Publisher James R. Whelan to meet for lunch with the newspaper's Editorial Board.

2. Background: Mr. Whelan has agreed in a telephone conversation that your remarks would be off-the-record unless otherwise specified by you. Since the newspaper's editorial views have been sympathetic to our positions on such issues as budget increases, identities legislation and FOIA relief, such a meeting should reinforce their views and provide a valuable insight into our needs and problems. (See selected editorials.) The paper has been published for the past six months and its circulation has risen to over 100,000. Eight other Cabinet members have been hosted by the newspaper. If a luncheon is not convenient Mr. Whelan has agreed that other arrangements could be made.

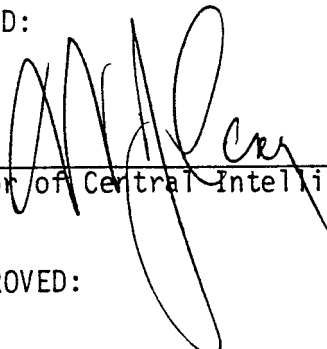
3. Recommendation: Accept the invitation and authorize that appropriate arrangements be made.

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Director of Central Intelligence

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# WASHINGTON TIMES Personnel Who Will Attend 16 December Luncheon



James R. Whelan, editor and publisher.

## 1. James R. Whelan, Editor and Publisher

Whelan (late 40's) left the job of vice president and editor of the SACRAMENTO UNION, a post he took shortly after the announced dissolution of Panax Newspapers in 1980, to accept the position at the WASHINGTON TIMES. Whelan had been a Panax vice president and editorial director, working out of a Washington office. A native of Buffalo, N.Y., he began his newspaper career as a copy boy at the BUFFALO COURIER-EXPRESS. He joined the then United Press as a staff correspondent, first in Buffalo, and later in Argentina, Venezuela and Puerto Rico. While with UPI, he studied Sino-Soviet affairs on a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University in 1966. From 1968 to 1970, he worked for IT&T. Later he served as a Latin American correspondent for Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance in Washington, managing editor of the MIAMI NEWS, and part owner, editor and publisher of the Spanish-English language HIALEAH HOME NEWS (Fla.).

Whelan is a big man with a walrus mustache, a self-described "emotional Irishman." He has been given complete responsibility and control of the editorial content of the newspaper. Any interference by the Unification Church, the owner of the paper, would break his written contract with News World Communications and he would resign, Whelan says. Whelan suffered a minor heart attack early this year.



Smith Hempstone, executive  
editor

2. Smith Hempstone, Executive Editor

His function: Supervises news and editorial policy. Age (as of 26 May): 53. Born: Washington D.C.

A syndicated columnist, Hempstone spent 13 years as a foreign correspondent, reporting from more than 100 nations. He is the author of four books and many magazine articles. In 1975 he left the WASHINGTON STAR, where he was associate editor and chief of the editorial page. His grandfather and great-grandfather also were editors at the STAR.

He began his 30-year newspaper career with the AP in Charlotte, N.C. and later worked as a reporter and writer for the LOUISVILLE TIMES and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE before joining the WASHINGTON STAR for the first time in 1955. In 1956 he was awarded a four-year traveling fellowship in Africa by the Institute of Current World Affairs. Stocky, feisty, and competitive, Hempstone says: "It may take 30 years but we'll bury the POST."



Anne Crutcher, editor,  
editorial page

3. Anne Crutcher, Editor, Editorial Page

Crutcher wrote editorials and a food column for the WASHINGTON STAR, as well as art, theater, dance and book reviews. She has written for NEW REPUBLIC and NATIONAL REVIEW magazines, the WALL STREET JOURNAL, NEWSDAY on Long Island, and the LOS ANGELES TIMES. She is a former editor of the ARLINGTON CITIZEN and was a writer for the WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS. She is the widow of a foreign service officer and had to turn to writing and editing in order to raise four children.



Dana Adams Schmidt,  
diplomatic correspondent

4. Covers the State Department, foreign affairs and diplomatic news. He began his career with the old United Press in 1938, covering assignments in Europe and Northern Africa. In 1944 he began a 29-year tenure with the NEW YORK TIMES. Since 1972 Schmidt has spent five years with the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, which included covering Nixon in Moscow and Kissinger in the Middle East, as well as working for VOA and the Saudi Arabian daily OKAZ. Schmidt won a Pulitzer traveling fellowship in 1937 and the Overseas Press Club's Polk Award in 1965 for his stories of danger in the lives of the Kurds in northern Iraq.

5. Peter Almond, Reporter

Almond came to the TIMES from the CLEVELAND PRESS, where he covered everything from local government to national and foreign news.

6. Ralph Hallow, Assistant Editor, Editorial Page

Hallow (in his mid-40's) has written for several national magazines and done graduate work in law and in history at the University of Pittsburgh and in journalism at the University of Missouri. He entered journalism in 1965 as a reporter, then was the night editor for the PITTSBURGH PRESS. He subsequently moved to the PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE as an editorial writer and then joined the CHICAGO TRIBUNE's editorial board.

7. John Lofton, Columnist

Lofton is a hard-hitting, conservative writer whose columns in the TIMES have prodded President Reagan to adhere to positions he espoused before the Presidential election. In recent years Lofton has been a syndicated columnist with United Features, contributor to HUMAN EVENTS, commentator on National Public Radio, editor of the American Conservative Union's BATTLE LINE, and managing editor of WASHINGTON WEEKLY.

In recent columns published by the TIMES, Lofton has strenuously argued against the nomination of Richard Burt as assistant secretary of State for European affairs, primarily on grounds that Burt revealed classified information in articles he wrote while a reporter with the NEW YORK TIMES.

8. William Kling, National Editor

Kling (in his late 40's) is a third-generation newspaperman, beginning his reporting career with his hometown YORK GAZETTE & DAILY (Pa.) when he was 17. He is a former political writer and Washington correspondent for the CHICAGO TRIBUNE; was Washington bureau chief for Television News Inc., an independent TV news service; served as senior writer for the Republican National Committee, where he edited the magazine, FIRST MONDAY; and was for three years news secretary to Sen. John Warner and then an administrative assistant to Rep. Paul Trible (Va.). Kling is a former president of the U.S. Senate Press Secretaries Association.



Ted Agres, assistant managing  
editor

9. Ted Agres, Assistant Managing Editor

Agres (early 30's) is the assistant managing editor for administration. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and has been assistant editor of DUN & BRADSTREET'S INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH magazine. He also served as features editor and news editor for the NEW YORK NEWS WORLD. Most recently, he was bureau chief for the NEWS WORLD in Washington. Agres is a member of Sigma Delta Chi Society of Professional Journalists, Investigative Reporters & Editors, and the National Association of Science Writers.

10. Warren Schwed, Promotion Manager

No biographic information available.

11. Gregory Fossedal, Editorial Writer

Fossedal (in his early 20's) is a 1981 summa cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College and founder of the DARTMOUTH REVIEW, a conservative weekly journal. After graduating he went to work for the Reagan administration, first as a White House aide and later as a Presidential appointment to the Department of Education.

12. Ian Gilbert, Editorial Writer

No biographic information available.

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EXCERPTS OF RECENT WASHINGTON TIMES EDITORIAL OPINION  
ON INTELLIGENCE ISSUES

The WASHINGTON TIMES has offered strong support for CIA on a variety of issues. Following are three excerpts from the newspaper's editorials:

1. Reagan report card on intelligence --

"An A for effort, a B-plus for results. The Soviet Union still outspends the United States by a factor of five or six to one on information-gathering, but the Reagan budget allocates budget increases of more than 50 percent over five years to our various intelligence arms. In addition to the planned funding beefup, the President offers the promise of protection. It is now against the law of the land to reveal the identity of an American intelligence agent. Next on the agenda, though, must be a rein or two on the Freedom of Information Act, which continues to impede the orderly collection and protection of information vital to national security." (30 July 1982)

2. Identities Legislation --

"CIA needed the identity protection bill because of the terrorists and nuts running around the world. We remember and still mourn Dick Welch, the CIA station chief slain a few years ago after his position was exposed." (16 July 1982)

3. HPSCI report on Central America --

"In the past few days, Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee have attacked the administration's Central American policy by implying that it rests on CIA reports cooked up by the Agency to please the White House. That's a cheap shot. The administration has not needed intelligence reports to worry about Central America. What the Soviet press says is worrisome enough .... Somebody should tell the House Intelligence Committee." (29 September 1982)

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